IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice, amend claims 41-56, and add new claims 57-65 as follows:

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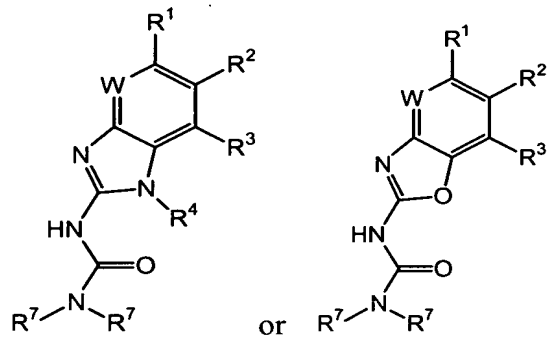
41. (Amended) A compound of formula **IIa** or **IIb**:



IIa **IIb**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~derivative or prodrug~~ thereof, wherein:

~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or prodrug thereof, wherein:~~

W is nitrogen or CR^a;

R^a is selected from hydrogen, halogen, $-CF_3$, R^7, $-OR^7$, or $-N(R^7)_2$;

R^1 is an aryl or heteroaryl ring, wherein said ring is optionally substituted by up to four R^9; wherein an R^9 substituent in the ortho-position of R^1 taken together with R^2 may form a fused, unsaturated or partially unsaturated, optionally substituted 5-8 membered ring having 0-2 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from R^6, halogen, CN, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $NRCO_2R^6$, $NRCON(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, $NRCOR^6$, $NRN(R^6)_2$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, $COCOR^6$, SO_2R^6, $SO_2N(R^6)_2$, or $NRSO_2R^6$; or R^2 and R^3 are taken together to form a fused, unsaturated or partially unsaturated, optionally substituted 5-8 membered ring containing 0-2 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

R^4 is selected from R^6, $CON(R^6)$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, $COCOR^6$, SO_2R^6, $SO_2N(R^6)_2$, or $(CH_2)_yR^2$;

y is 1-6;

Ar is a five membered heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or carbocyclyl ring, wherein said ring is optionally substituted by up to three substituents selected from oxo, halogen, CN, NO_2, R^8, OR^8, NHR^8, $NHCOR^8$, $NHCONHR^8$, COR^8, $CONHR^8$, SO_2R^8, $NHSO_2NHR^8$ or SO_2NHR^8;

each R^6 is independently selected from R^7 or an optionally substituted group selected from alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclcylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, or heteroarayloxyalkyl;

each R^7 is independently selected from hydrogen or an optionally substituted aliphatic group having one to six carbons, or two R^7 on the same nitrogen taken together with the nitrogen optionally form a four to six member, saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic ring having one to three heteroatoms;

R^8 is a C_1-C_4 aliphatic group, wherein two R^8 on adjacent positions of Ar, or an aryl or heteroaryl ring, may be taken together with their intervening atoms to form a three to six membered fused ring;

each R^9 is independently selected from oxo, halogen, CN, NO_2, T_n(haloalkyl), R^6, SR^6, OR^6, OR^8, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, $CON(R)COR^6$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, $CO_2N(R^6)_2$, $COCOR^6$, SO_2R^6, $SO_2N(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nCON(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nN(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nNRCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCON(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nCOR^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCOR^6$, $N(R)T_nSO_2N(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nSO_2R^6$, $T_nPO(OR^7)_2$, $T_nOPO(OR^7)_2$, $T_nSP(OR^7)_2$, $T_nPO(OR^7)_2$, or $T_nNPO(OR^7)_2$;

each Q is an independently selected C_1-C_3 branched or straight alkyl;

T is selected from –Q- or -Q_m-$CH(Q_m$-$R^2)$-; and

each m and n are independently selected from zero or one.

42. The compound according to claim 41, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

(a) R^1 is an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl ring;

(b) R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from halogen, CN, CO_2R^6, OR^6, or R^6; and

(c) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nN(R^6)_2$, NO_2, T_n(haloalkyl), $CO_2N(R^6)_2$, COR^6, SO_2R^6, or $SO_2N(R^6)_2$.

3 ~~43~~ 2. The compound according to claim ~~42~~, wherein:

(a) R^1 is an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl ring;

(b) R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from halogen, CN, CO_2R^6, OR^6, or R^6; and

(c) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nN(R^6)_2$, NO_2, T_n(haloalkyl), $CO_2N(R^6)_2$, COR^6, SO_2R^6, or $SO_2N(R^6)_2$.

A1 4 ~~44~~. The compound according to claim ~~42~~, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

(a) R^1 is an optionally substituted ring selected from phenyl, 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, thienyl, pyrimidyl, imidazol-1-yl, imidazol-2-yl, pyrazol-1-yl, amino-pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, aminobenzimidazole, or indolyl;

(b) R^2 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, or halogen;

(c) R^3 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aralkoxy, or halogen;

(d) R^4 is hydrogen or $(CH_2)_yR^2$; and

(e) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, or $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$.

5 ~~45~~. The compound according to claim ~~44~~, wherein:

(a) R^1 is an optionally substituted ring selected from phenyl, 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, thienyl, pyrimidyl, imidazol-1-yl, imidazol-2-yl, pyrazol-1-yl, amino-pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, aminobenzimidazole, or indolyl;

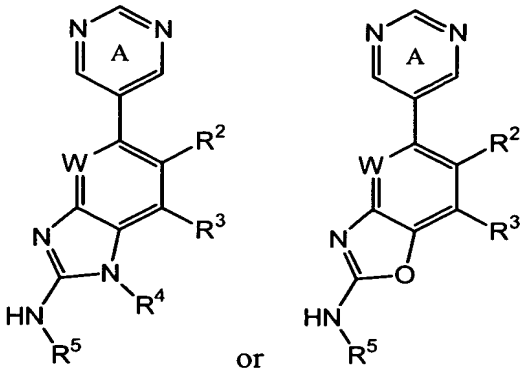
(b) R^2 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, or halogen;

(c) R^3 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aralkoxy, or halogen;

(d) R^4 is hydrogen or $(CH_2)_yR^2$; and

(e) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, or $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$.

6 46. (Amended) A compound of formula **IIIa** or **IIIb**:



IIIa or **IIIb**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~derivative or prodrug~~ thereof, wherein:

W is nitrogen or CR^a;

R^a is selected from hydrogen, halogen, $-CF_3$, R^7, $-OR^7$, or $-N(R^7)_2$;

Ring A is optionally substituted with up to three R^9; wherein when an R^9 substituent is in the ortho-position of Ring A, said R^9 substituent may be taken together with R^2 to form an optionally substituted 5-7 membered ring containing 0-2 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from R^6, halogen, CN, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $NRCO_2R^6$, $NRCON(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, $NRCOR^6$, $NRN(R^6)_2$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, $COCOR^6$, SO_2R^6, $SO_2N(R^6)_2$, or $NRSO_2R^6$; or R^2 and R^3 are taken together to form a fused, unsaturated or partially unsaturated, optionally substituted 5-8 membered ring containing 0-2 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

R^4 is selected from R^6, $CON(R^6)$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, $COCOR^6$, SO_2R^6, $SO_2N(R^6)_2$, or $(CH_2)_yR^2$;

y is 1-6;

R^5 is selected from R^7, Ar, COAr, $CON(R^7)Ar$, $(CH_2)_yCO_2R$, $(CH_2)_yN(R^7)_2$, $C(=NR^{10})$-$N(R^7)_2$, $C(=NR^{10})$-NRCOR, C(=S)-$N(R^7)_2$, $CON(R^7)_2$, COR, SO_2R, or $SO_2N(R^7)_2$;

Ar is a five membered heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or carbocyclyl ring, wherein said ring is optionally substituted by up to three substituents selected from oxo, halogen, CN, NO_2, R^8, OR^8, NHR^8, $NHCOR^8$, $NHCONHR^8$, COR^8, $CONHR^8$, SO_2R^8, $NHSO_2NHR^8$ or SO_2NHR^8;

each R^6 is independently selected from R^7 or an optionally substituted group selected from alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclcylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, or heteroarayloxyalkyl;

each R^7 is independently selected from hydrogen or an optionally substituted aliphatic group having one to six carbons, or two R^7 on the same nitrogen taken together with the nitrogen optionally form a four to six member, saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic ring having one to three heteroatoms;

R^8 is a C_1-C_4 aliphatic group, wherein two R^8 on adjacent positions of Ar, or an aryl or heteroaryl ring, may be taken together with their intervening atoms to form a three to six membered fused ring;

each R^9 is independently selected from oxo, halogen, CN, NO_2, T_n(haloalkyl), R^6, SR^6, OR^6, OR^8, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, $CON(R)COR^6$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, $CO_2N(R^6)_2$, $COCOR^6$, SO_2R^6, $SO_2N(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nCON(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nN(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nNRCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCON(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nCOR^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCOR^6$, $N(R)T_nSO_2N(R^6)_2$, $N(R)T_nSO_2R^6$, $T_nPO(OR^7)_2$, $T_nOPO(OR^7)_2$, $T_nSP(OR^7)_2$, $T_nPO(OR^7)_2$, or $T_nNPO(OR^7)_2$;

each Q is an independently selected C_1-C_3 branched or straight alkyl;

T is selected from –Q- or -Q_m-CH(Q_m-R^2)-;

each m and n are independently selected from zero or one; and R^{10} is selected from R^7 or Ar.

47. The compound according to claim 46, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

(a) R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from halogen, CN, CO_2R^6, OR^6, or R^6;

(b) R^5 is CO_2R, COAr, COR, $CON(R^7)_2$, Ar, $(CH_2)_yCO_2R$, or $(CH_2)_yN(R^7)_2$; and

(c) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nN(R^6)_2$, NO_2, T_n(haloalkyl), $CO_2N(R^6)_2$, COR^6, SO_2R^6, or $SO_2N(R^6)_2$.

48. The compound according to claim 47, wherein:

(a) R^2 and R^3 are each independently selected from halogen, CN, CO_2R^6, OR^6, or R^6;

(b) R^5 is CO_2R, COAr, COR, $CON(R^7)_2$, Ar, $(CH_2)_yCO_2R$, or $(CH_2)_yN(R^7)_2$; and

(c) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nNRCO_2R^6$, $N(R)T_nN(R^6)_2$, NO_2, T_n(haloalkyl), $CO_2N(R^6)_2$, COR^6, SO_2R^6, or $SO_2N(R^6)_2$.

9 ~~49~~. The compound according to claim ~~47~~ 7, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

(a) R^2 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, or halogen;

(b) R^3 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aralkoxy, or halogen;

(c) R^4 is hydrogen or $(CH_2)_yR^2$;

(d) R^5 is $CON(R^7)_2$, Ar, $(CH_2)_yCO_2R$, or $(CH_2)_yN(R^7)_2$; and

(e) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, or $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$.

10 ~~50~~. The compound according to claim ~~49~~ 9, wherein:

(a) R^2 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, or halogen;

(b) R^3 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aralkoxy, or halogen;

(c) R^4 is hydrogen or $(CH_2)_yR^2$;

A1 (d) R^5 is $CON(R^7)_2$, Ar, $(CH_2)_yCO_2R$, or $(CH_2)_yN(R^7)_2$; and

(e) R^9 is halogen, CN, oxo, R^6, SR^6, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, $CON(R^6)_2$, CO_2R^6, $CON(R)COR^6$, or $N(R)T_nCO_2R^6$.

13 ~~51~~. (Amended) A composition comprising <u>an effective amount of</u> a compound according to any one of claims ~~41~~ 1 to ~~50~~ 10; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14 ~~52~~. The composition according to claim ~~51~~ 13, wherein said compound is formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable manner for administration to a patient.

15 ~~53~~. (Amended) The composition according to claim ~~51~~ 13 further comprising ~~an additional therapeutic agent~~ <u>an antibiotic, an anti-inflammatory agent, a matrix metalloprotease inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a cytokine antagonist, an immunosuppressant, an anti-cancer agent, an anti-viral agent, a cytokine, a growth factor, an immunomodulator, a prostaglandin or an anti-vascular hyperproliferation compound.</u>

16 ~~54~~. (Amended) The composition according to claim ~~52~~ 14 further comprising ~~an additional therapeutic agent~~ <u>an antibiotic, an anti-inflammatory agent, a matrix metalloprotease inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a cytokine antagonist, an immunosuppressant, an anti-cancer agent, an anti-viral agent, a cytokine, a growth factor, an immunomodulator, a prostaglandin or an anti-vascular hyperproliferation compound.</u>

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55. The composition according to claim 51 further comprising an agent that increases the susceptibility of bacterial organisms to antibiotics.

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18 56. The composition according to claim 53 further comprising an agent that increases the susceptibility of bacterial organisms to antibiotics.

11 57. (New) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

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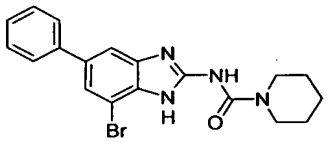
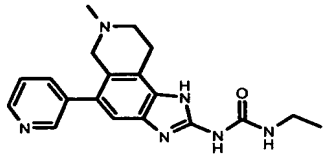
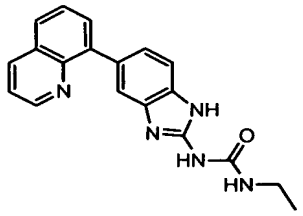
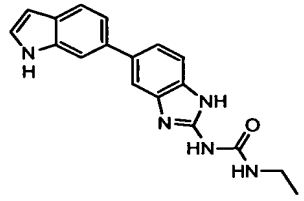
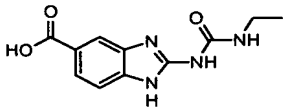
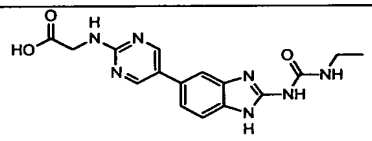
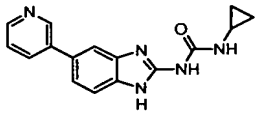
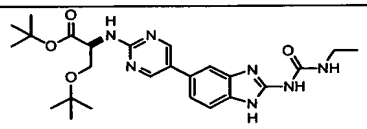
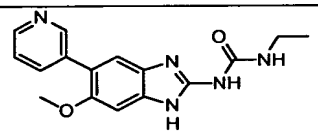
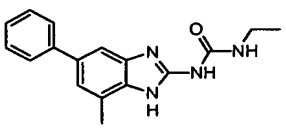
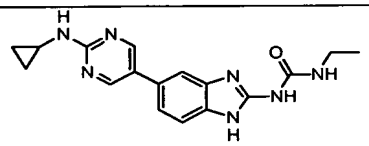
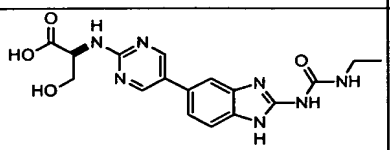
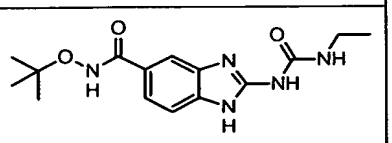
20		25	
28		29	
33		35	
38		40	
-	-	42	
43		44	
45		46	

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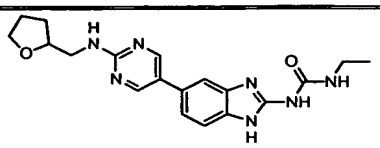
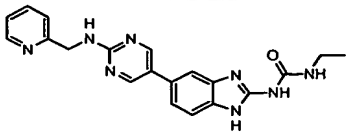
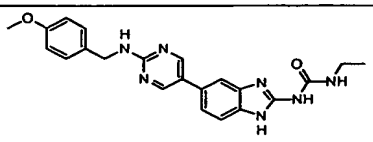
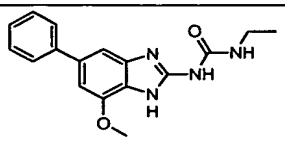
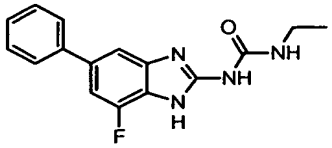
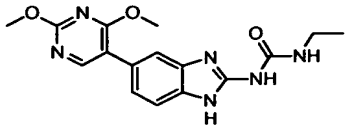
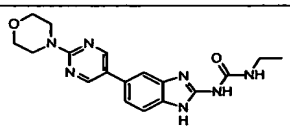
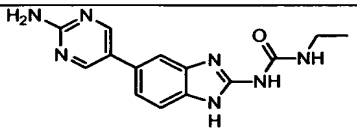
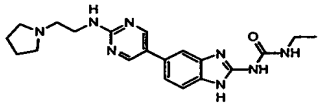
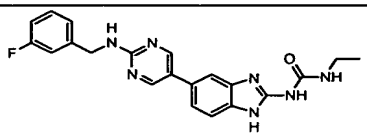
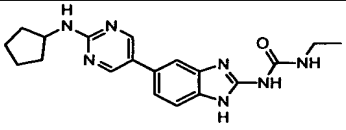
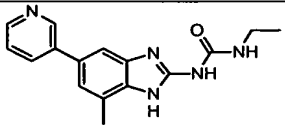
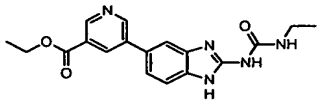
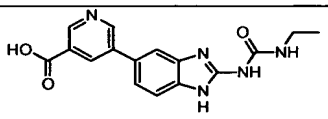
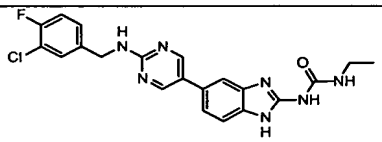
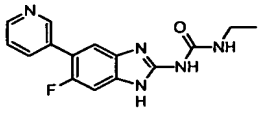
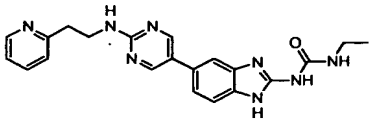
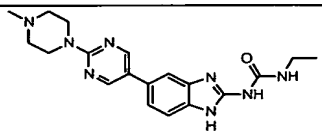
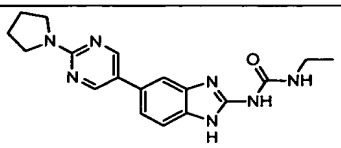
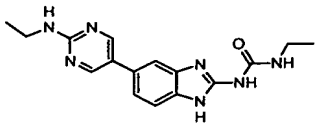
47		48	
49		50	
51		52	
53		54	
55		56	
57		58	
59		60	
61		62	
63		64	
65		66	

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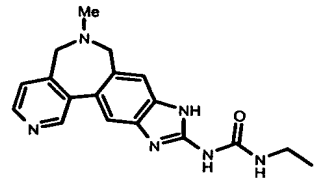
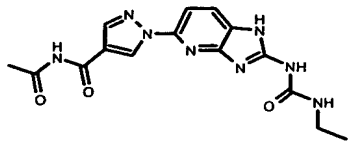
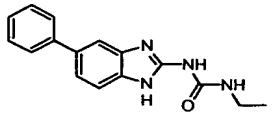
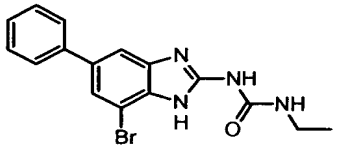
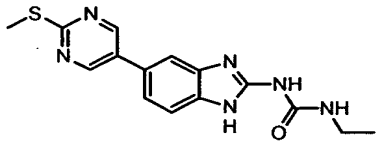
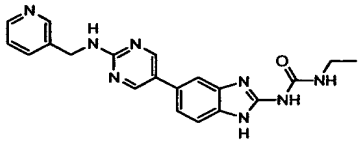
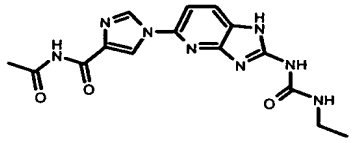
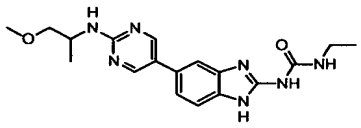
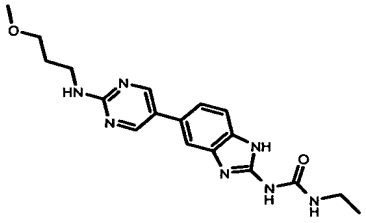
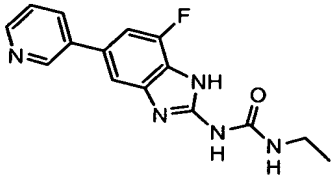
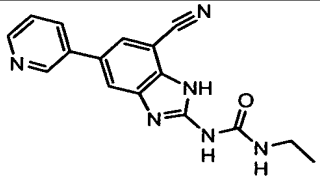
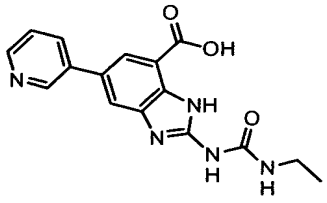
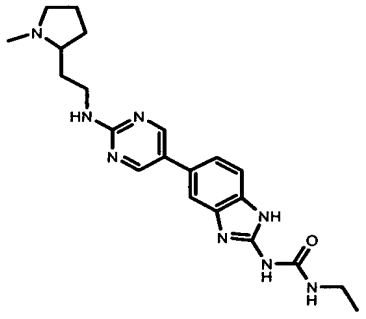
68		-	–
83		84	
89		92	
98		99	
100		102	
103		104	
105		106	

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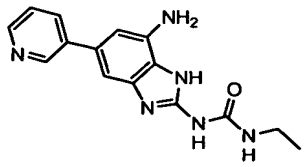
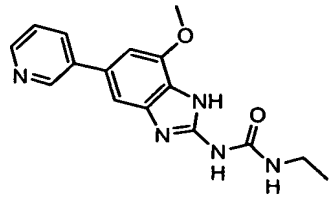
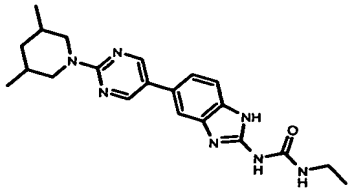
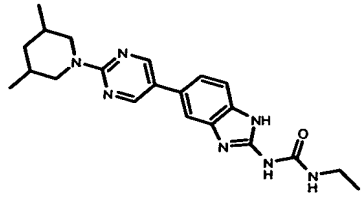
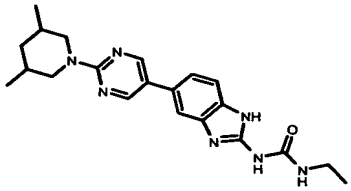
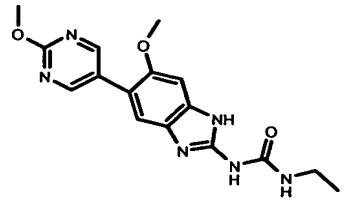
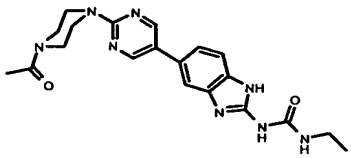
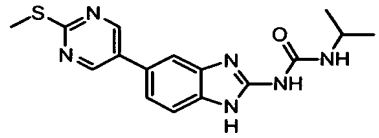
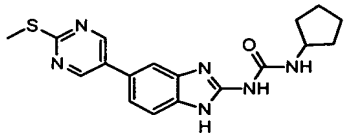
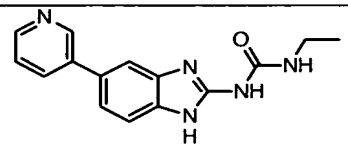
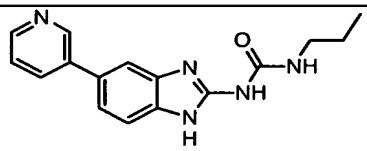
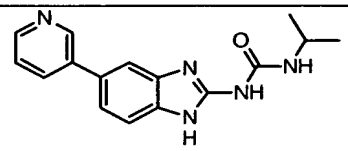
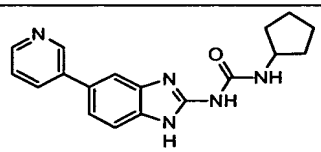
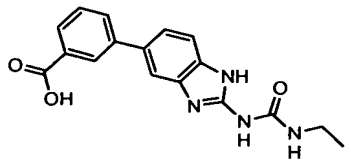
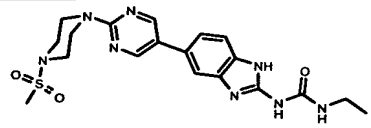
107		108	
109		110	
111		112	
113		116	
117		118	
119		120	
121		-	-
123		124	

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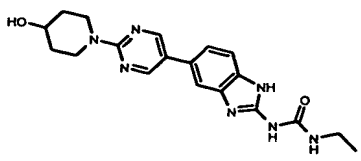
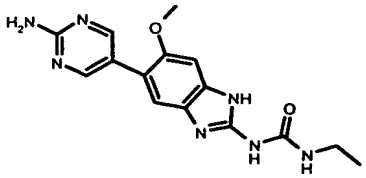
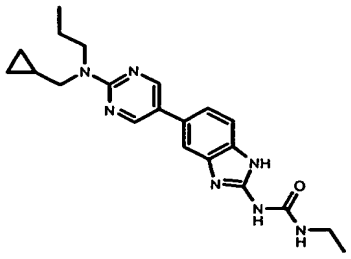
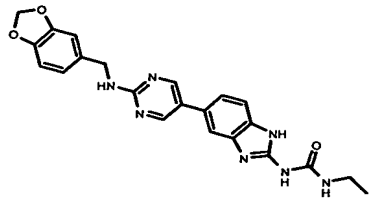
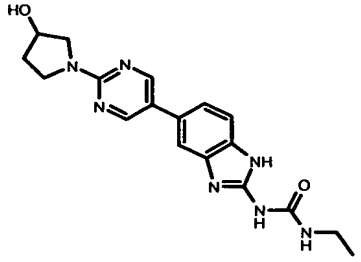
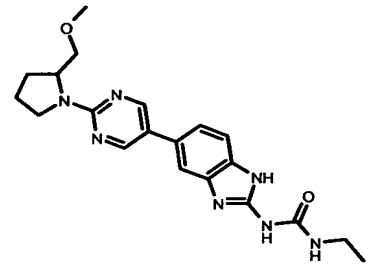
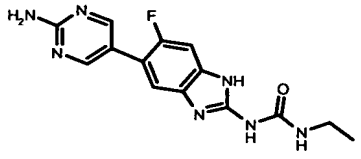
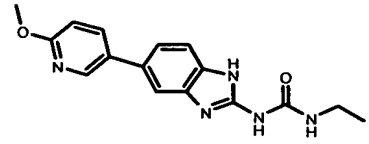
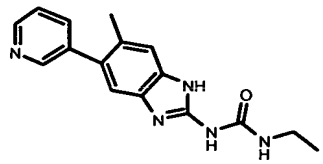
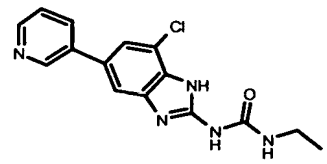
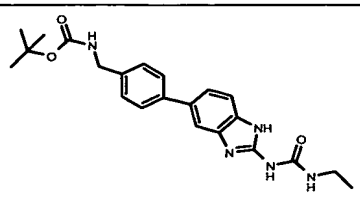
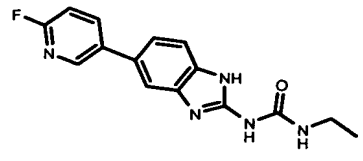
125		126	
127		128	
129		130	
131		132	
133		134	
135		136	

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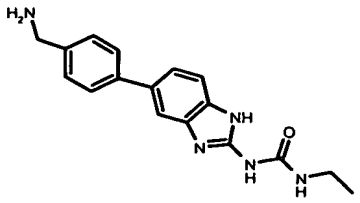
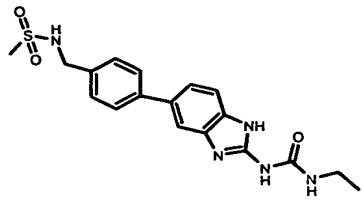
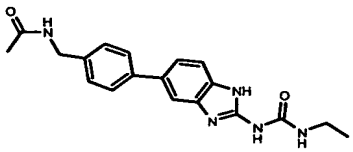
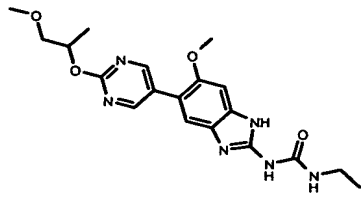
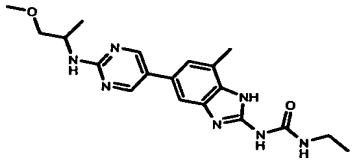
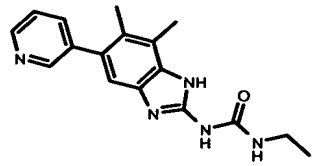
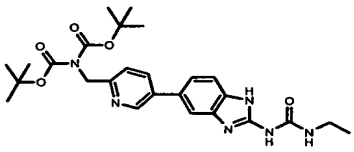
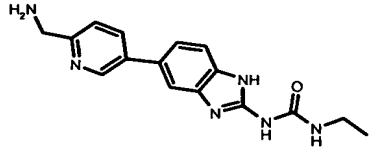
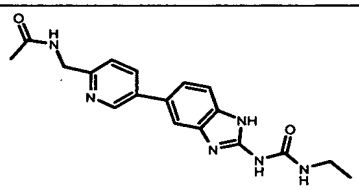
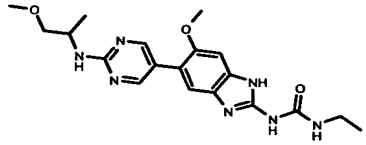
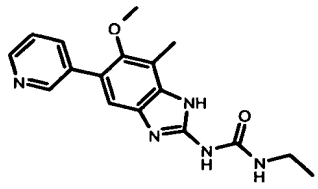
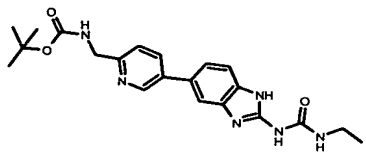
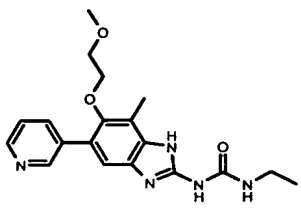
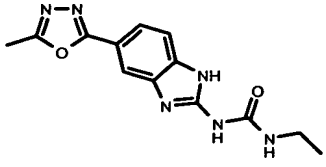
137		138	
139		140	
141		142	
143		144	
145		146	
147		148	
149		150	

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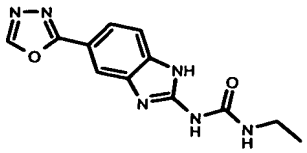
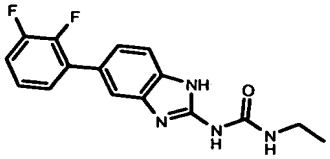
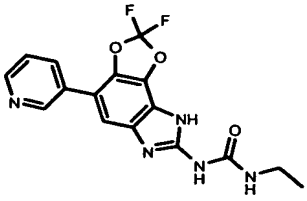
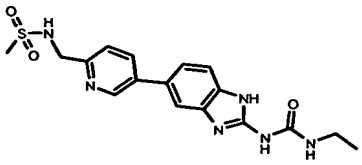
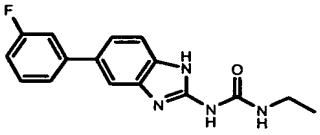
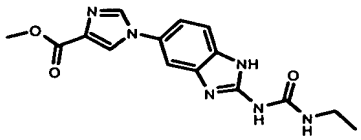
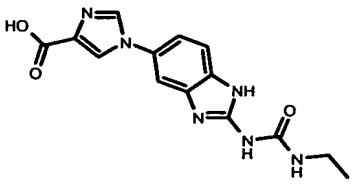
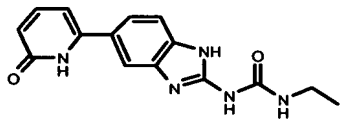
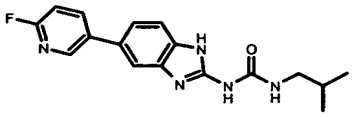
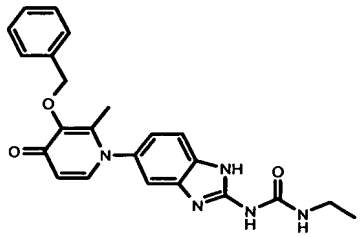
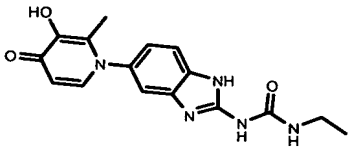
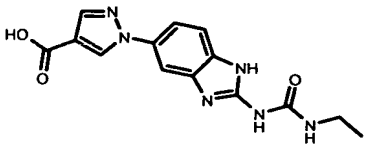
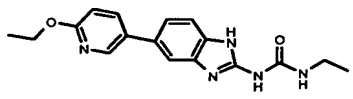
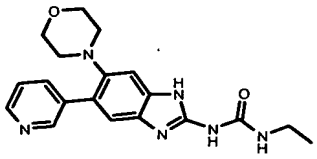
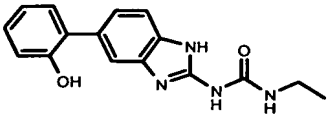
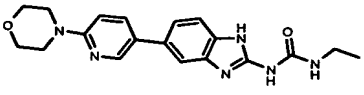
151		152	
153		154	
155		156	
157		158	
159		160	
161		162	
163		164	
165		166	

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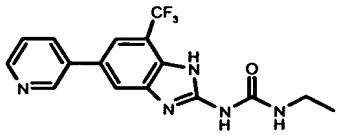
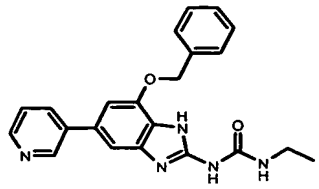
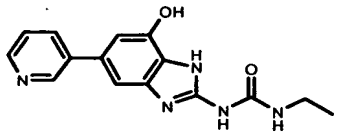
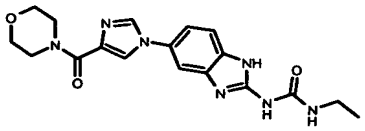
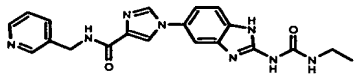
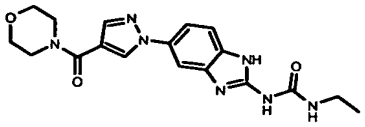
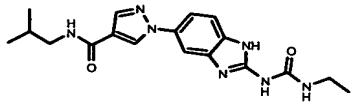
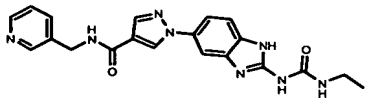
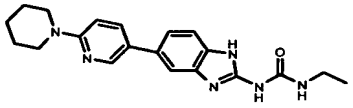
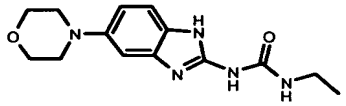
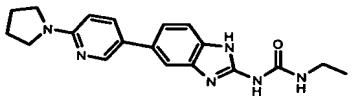
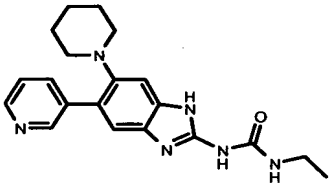
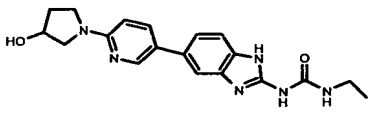
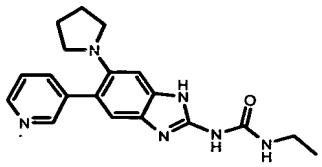
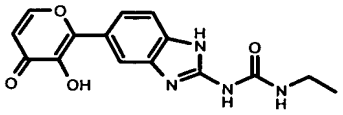
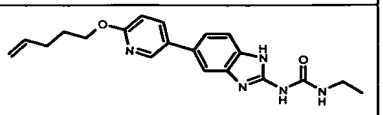
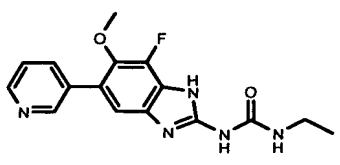
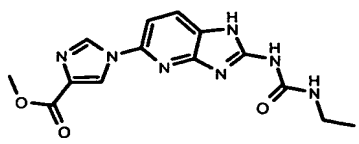
167		168	
169		170	
171		172	
173		174	
175		176	
177		178	
179		180	
181		182	
183		184	

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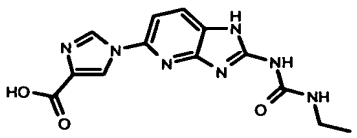
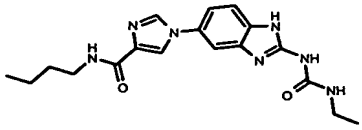
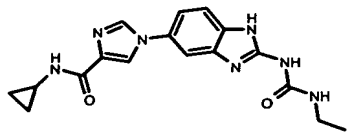
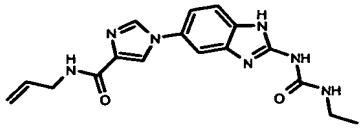
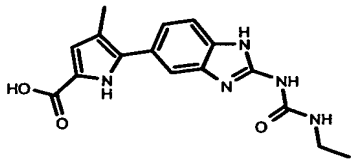
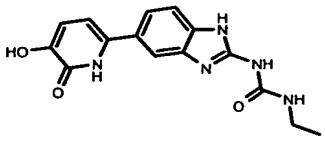
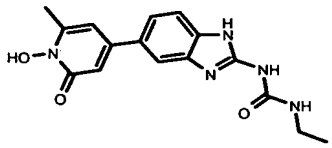
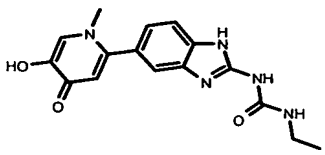
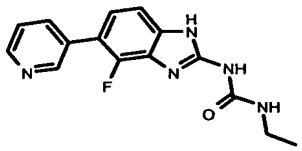
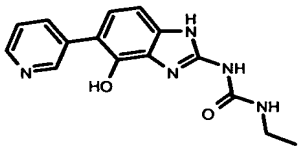
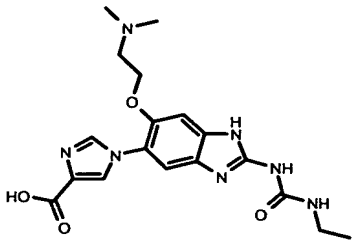
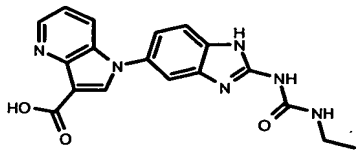
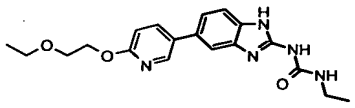
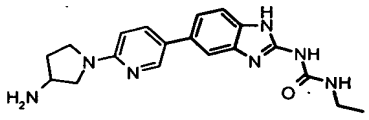
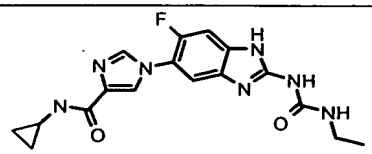
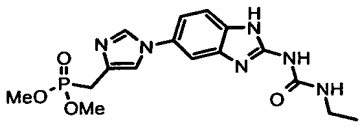
185		186	
187		188	
189		190	
191		192	
193		194	
195		196	
197		198	
199		and 200	

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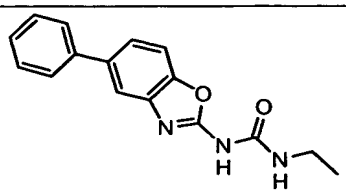
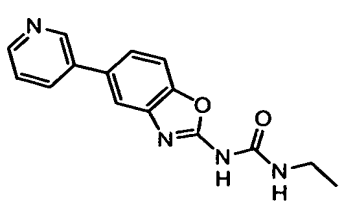
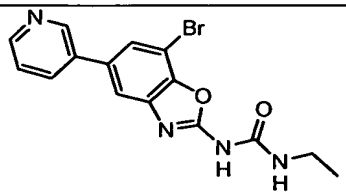
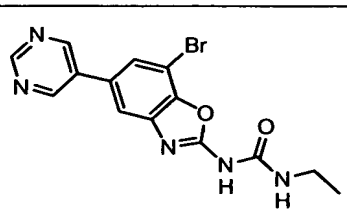
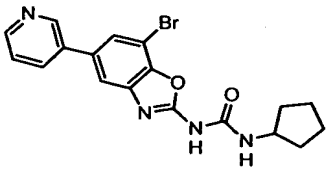
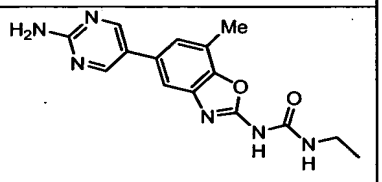
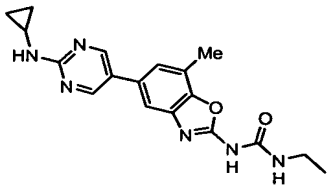
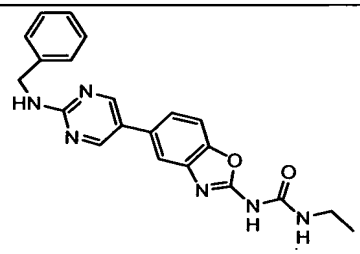
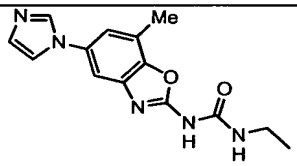
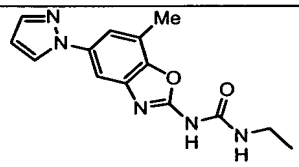
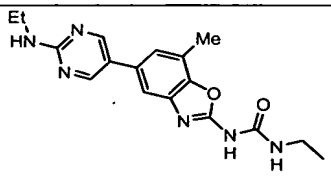
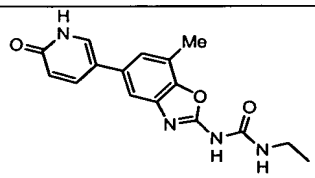
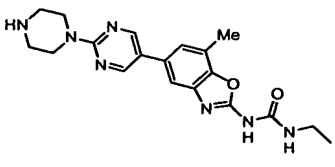
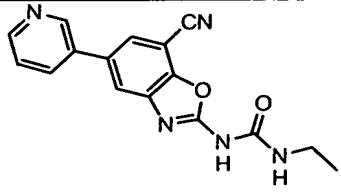
3		4	
5		6	
7		8	
9		10	
11		12	
13		14	
15		16	

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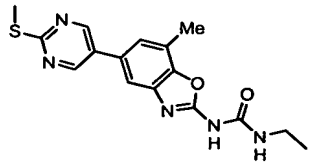
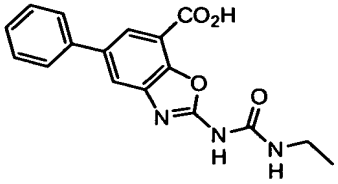
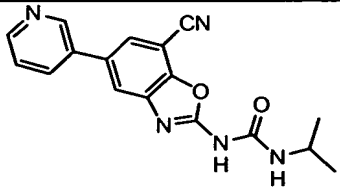
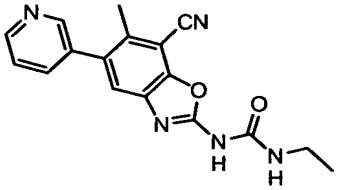
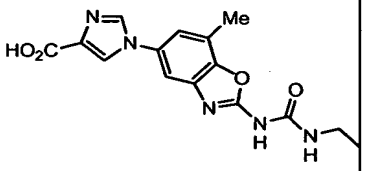
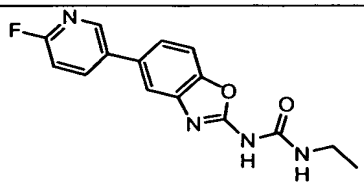
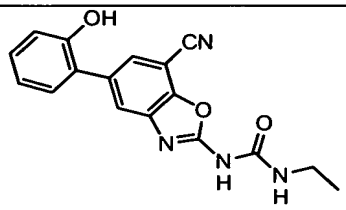
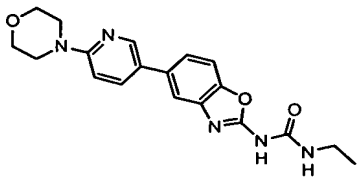
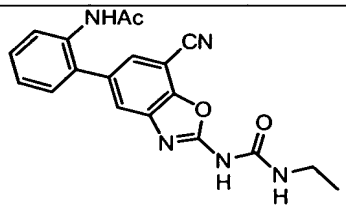
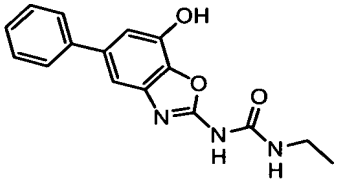
17		20	
21		22	
23		24	
25		26	
27		and 28	

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59. (New) A method of decreasing bacterial quantity in a biological sample comprising the step of contacting said biological sample with a compound according to either of claims 41 or 46.

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60. (New) The method according to claim 59 further comprising the step of contacting said biological sample with an agent which increases the susceptibility of bacterial organisms to antibiotics.

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61. (New) A method of inhibiting gyrase in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to said mammal a composition according to claim ~~51~~ 43.

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62. (New) A method of treating a bacterial infection in a mammal in need thereof, comprising the step of administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim ~~61~~ 43.

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63. (New) The method according to claim ~~62~~, wherein the bacterial infection to be treated is characterized by the presence of one or more of the following: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyrogenes*, *Enterococcus fecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Enterobacter sps. Proteus sps. Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *E. coli*, *Serratia marcesens*, *S. aureus*, or *Coag. Neg. Staph.*

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~~63~~. (New) The method according to claim ~~62~~, wherein the bacterial infection to be treated is selected from one or more of the following: urinary tract infections, pneumonia, prostatitis, skin and soft tissue infections, intra-abdominal infections, or infections of febrile neutropenic patients.

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~~64~~. The method according to claim ~~62~~ further comprising the step of administering to said patient an antibiotic, an anti-inflammatory agent, a matrix metalloprotease inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a cytokine antagonist, an immunosuppressant, an anti-cancer agent, an anti-viral agent, a cytokine, a growth factor, an immunomodulator, a prostaglandin or an anti-vascular hyperproliferation compound, either as part of a multiple dosage form together with said compound or as a separate dosage form.

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~~65~~. The method according to claim ~~62~~ further comprising the step of administering to said patient an agent that increases the susceptibility of bacterial organisms to antibiotics.